Electropathy System of Medicine

†1973. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Electropathy System of Medicine in the same way as the Allopathy, Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathy Systems of Medicine;

(b) if so, the action taken against such institutes which are charging hefty amount from the youth in the name of Medical course and spoiling their future; and

(c) the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) A Standing Committee of Experts has been constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research to examine the merits of Alternative Systems of Medicine including Electropathy. The Committee has since submitted its report which is being examined by the Government. Once a decision is taken on the recognition etc. of Electropathy by the Government, necessary laws will be framed to regulate various institutes imparting training etc. on Electropathy. As for now, the professional Councils like Medical Council of India have been directed to give wide publicity informing general public about certain Institutes which were neither recognized nor affiliated with any of the Councils.

Regularization of *ad-hoc* doctors

1974. SHRI SHYAM-LAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of regularization of only few doctors appointed on aoVjoc/monthly wage basis were referred to DoPT and Law Ministry since the date of initial 77 appointment, whereas the claims/ representations of other doctors similarly appointed were ignored;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite the policy decision of 1978 of not appointing doctors on *ad-hoc* and daily wage basis, a few doctors were appointed on *ad-hocand* daily wage basis;

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(c) if so, the number of doctors appointed on *ad-hoc* and daily wage basis since 1978; and

(d) the reasons for this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Upgradation of Government hospitals in Assam

1975. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to upgrade the Government hospitals functioning at present in the State of Assam during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to augment the facilities by providing assistance for equipment upto Rs. 1.00 crore for selected District hospitals of Assam.

Transfusion of untested blood

†1976. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the blood collecting units and doctors who are transfusing blood are not testing it prior to its use;

(b) if so, the action being taken against such units and doctors;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, 'Bahar se Kharida Rakt Sankramit Nikla, Mare'ez ko Jaan ke Lale', which appeared in The Rashtriya Sahara' dated the 6th June, 2002; and

(d) the number of such cases which came to the notice of Government from January, 2001 to till date and the action taken by Government in each case?

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